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Ravalli County Board of Commissioners  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
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RE: Reimbursement request for pesticides collected in Ravalli County

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your letter summarizing Ravalli County's May 2008 hazardous waste collection. It was clearly a great success and you are to be commended for initiating this program. Grant funding from Department of Environmental Quality and strong local funding support are to be commended as well.


The Montana Department of Agriculture has conducted pesticide collections since 1994 and we have conducted collections in western Montana several times. We are conducting collections in western Montana in September 2008. Missoula will be the closest site to Ravalli County. Determination of collection sites is based on locations central to as many potential users as possible. Other locations for collections this fall are Kalispell, Butte and Bozeman. More information about the department's 2008 pesticide collection can be found on the internet at: <http://agr.mt.gov/pestfert/disposal.asp>.

The department was contacted by Dusti Johnson from the Department of Environmental Quality about providing financial assistance for the cost of disposing of pesticides collected in Ravalli County's hazardous waste collection. We responded that we may have some funds remaining in the fiscal year 2008 pesticide disposal budget that we could allocated to Ravalli County through an written agreement or contract. We also offered to send a department staff person to assist with the event. However, we received no follow up proposal to that inquiry.

Rod Daniel with Ravalli County Environmental Health Department, who was given my name by Ms. Johnson, spoke with me the latter part of June. I told Mr. Daniel that we were willing to provide some funding but that we would be unable to move an agreement through the review and approval process in the few days left before June 30. In our current fiscal year, our funding priorities are for the 2008 Pesticide Disposal Collection. We do not know, at this time, if there will be any funds available to assist local pesticide collection events.

For any future events, the department is available to provide assistance with staff support and, potentially, funding. Please contact us directly in this regard. If there is sufficient interest and volume of waste pesticides for disposal from Ravalli County, we may be able to arrange a satellite collection during the September 2008 pesticide collection. Please contact me or Leonard Berry, Pesticide Program Manager, at 406-444-5400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" being more prominent than the last name "Sullivan".

Dan Sullivan  
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